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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL AND AMENDED REQUESTS OF JAPAN ON
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

1. THE FOLLOWING MTN REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE OF JAPAN UNDER
GROUP AGRICULTURE PROCEDURES: (A) TARIFF NUMBER EX 03.01-
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2-(2)-A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: FISH, FRESH, CHILLED OR
FROZEN; EX-OUT FROZEN HERRING AND HERRING ROE, AND FROZEN
POLLOCK AND POLLOCK ROE. CURRENT DUTY: 10 PERCENT.
REQUESTED DUTY: 4 PERCENT. NTM ACTION REQUESTED: ELIMINATE
IMPORT LICENSING AND QUOTA RESTRICTION. FYI. THE U.S.
MADE A TARIFF REQUEST ON NOVEMBER 1 OF JAPAN FOR A REDUC-
TION OF THE DUTY ON BLUEFIN TUNA AND SALMON, EX-OUTS FROM

EX 03.01-2-(2)-B. END FYI. (B) TARIFF NUMBER: EX 03.02-

1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: HARD ROES, DRIED, SALTED OR IN BRINE; EX-OUT POLLACK ROE. CURRENT DUTY: 15 PERCENT. REQUESTED DUTY: 6 PERCENT. NTM ACTION REQUESTED: ELIMINATE IMPORT LICENSING AND QUOTA RESTRICTION. FYI. THE U.S. MADE A TARIFF REQUEST ON NOVEMBER 1 OF JAPAN FOR AN EX-OUT OF THIS TARIFF LINE, HOWEVER, POLLACK ROE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR REQUEST. WE ARE NOW EXPANDING THAT TARIFF REQUEST TO INCLUDE POLLACK ROE AND MAKING AN NTM REQUEST ON THE IMPORT QUOTA SYSTEM WHICH APPLIES TO POLLACK ROE,

BUT NOT TO THE PORTION OF 03.02-1 INCLUDED IN OUR NOVEMBER 1 REQUEST. END FYI. (C) TARIFF NUMBER: EX 03.03-2-(1). PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: CRUSTACEANS OTHER THAN SHRIMP, PRAWN, AND LOBSTER, FRESH, CHILLED, OR FROZEN; EX-OUT SQUID. CURRENT DUTY: 10 PERCENT. REQUESTED DUTY: 4 PERCENT. NTM ACTION REQUESTED: ELIMINATE IMPORT LICENSING AND QUOTA RESTRICTION. FYI: THIS TARIFF REQUEST WAS MADE OF JAPAN ON NOVEMBER 1 ALONG WITH A REQUEST FOR A REDUCTION IN JAPAN'S DUTY ON FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN CRAB, ANOTHER EX-OUT FROM THIS TARIFF LINE. END FYI. (D) TARIFF NUMBER: 04.02-3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: WHEY, NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR. CURRENT DUTY: 25 PERCENT. REQUESTED DUTY: 10 PERCENT. NTM ACTION REQUESTED: ELIMINATE IMPORT QUOTA.

2. EXPLANATION: WITH THE NEW 200 MILE FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE, THE U.S. ACQUIRED CONTROL OF ABUNDANT HERRING, POLLOCK, AND SQUID RESOURCES, AND JAPAN IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL MARKETS FOR THESE PRODUCTS. HISTORICALLY, JAPAN HAS SUPPLIED MOST OF THEIR OWN MARKET BY FISHING IN THE U.S. FISHING ZONE. THE U.S. FISH INDUSTRY, SUPPORTED BY A U.S. GOVERNMENT FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IS EXPANDING, AND IS IN POSITION TO BECOME A PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF FISH PRODUCTS TO THE JAPANESE MARKET.

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3. DUTY CONCESSIONS ALONE WOULD NOT IMPROVE U.S. MARKET ACCESS INTO JAPANESE MARKET FOR THESE PRODUCTS. LIBERALIZATION OF THE IMPORT LICENSING AND QUOTA RESTRICTIONS IS THEREFORE ALSO ESSENTIAL. JAPAN'S SYSTEM FOR ALLOCATING THE IMPORT LICENSES IS A MAJOR FACTOR RESTRICTING IMPORTS OF HERRING AND POLLOCK. MITI SETS THE HERRING QUOTAS ANNUALLY AND THE FEDERATION OF HOKKAIDO FISHERIES COOPERATIVES CONTROLS THE ALLOCATION OF THE IMPORT LICENSES AMONG JAPANESE IMPORTERS. IN RECENT YEARS, THE FEDERATION HAS CONSISTENTLY FAILED TO ALLOCATE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE QUOTA. FOR POLLOCK THE ENTIRE QUOTA IS ALLOCATED BY MITI TO HOKUYO SUISAN, WHOSE FACTORY SHIP PURCHASES POLLOCK DIRECTLY FROM FOREIGN VESSELS; HENCE, UNPROCESSED

FOREIGN POLLOCK MAY BE EXCLUDED ENTIRELY FROM ENTERING JAPAN. WITH RESPECT TO THE SQUID, THE LEVEL OF THE QUOTA ITSELF IS THE PRIMARY IMPEDIMENT.

4. THE U.S. CAN SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE ITS EXPORTS OF ELECTRODIALIZED WHEY POWDER, A HIGHLY REFINED UNSUGARED WHEY USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF INFANT FOOD, IF THE JAPANESE DUTY IS REDUCED AND THE QUOTA ELIMINATED. THE U.S. IS THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF UNSUGARED WHEY TO JAPAN SUPPLYING IN 1976 AND 1977 APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF JAPAN'S UNSUGARED WHEY IMPORTS. JAPAN'S IMPORTS OF

UNSUGARED WHEY TOTALED 4.2 MILLION DOLLARS AND 3.1 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1976 AND 1977, RESPECTIVELY.
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5. FYI: BACKGROUND DATA SHEETS FOR THESE REQUESTS WILL BE FORTHCOMING. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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